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## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace title with the following title:

"METHOD FOR SENSING THE SURROUNDINGS IN FRONT OF A ROAD VEHICLE BY MEANS OF A SURROUNDINGS SENSING SYSTEM"

Please add the following paragraph after the title:

Cross Reference To Related Application

[0001] This application is a *national stage* of PCT/EP2003/012572 filed November 11, 2003 and based upon DE 102 55 797.7 filed November 28, 2002 under the International Convention.

Please replace paragraph [00010] with the following amended paragraph:

[00010] The object is achieved according to the invention by means of a method having the features of patent claim 1.

Advantageous refinements and developments of the invention are disclosed in the subclaims.